

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 19, 2004

Congressional Art Competition

Dear Colleague:

As the co-chairs for this year's High School Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, we enthusiastically invite you to this year's reception and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which will occur Tuesday, July 13, 2004. On the reverse side of this letter is an agenda for the day's events. General Motors will host the reception and ceremony, and the students will have the opportunity to hear from a celebrity guest. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate the unveiling of the 2004 winning pieces.

Because of heightened security in and around the Capitol, we ask that each student check in with their Member's office the morning of the event to receive their Competition folder. We also ask that each office designate a staff member or intern to escort the student to the Capitol steps for the group photograph and ensure that they reach the reception without difficulty. Because of the growing popularity of the program, the reception will be open only to **Members, the student, and the student's one guest**. Staff will not be allowed at the reception unless they are serving as event volunteers. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Students' artwork must be dropped off on **Friday, June 4, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Cannon 242-B**. All artwork must be received by Friday, June 4th in order to be included in the exhibition. Unfortunately, due to the review process, we will not be able to incorporate artwork received after the deadline. As you complete your district competitions, please fax your Student Information Release forms to the attention of Amy in Representative Blackburn's office at 202-225-3004 or Laura in Representative Pastor's office at 202-225-1655.

If you have any questions or have a staff member who would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Amy Murphy in the office of Representative Blackburn at Amy.Murphy@mail.house.gov or Laura Campos in the office of Representative Pastor at Laura.Campos@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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